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FREEHOLDERS ANNOUNCE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ELSINBORO TOWNSHIP

(ELSINBORO TWP., NJ)—Freeholder David Lindenmuth, Chair of the County Public Safety and Shared Services Committee, today announced that the Shared Services Committee has recently completed a Shared Services Agreement between The County of Salem and Elsinboro Township. The County and Elsinboro Township have determined that it would be mutually beneficial to enter into an agreement whereby the County's Planner could perform services for the Township on an as needed basis. The program was initiated as a pilot program for one year from January 1, 2010 until December 31, 2010.

"The benefit to the Township will be accessibility to the County's Planning Department for professional planning services during the pilot program. The knowledge base and professional expertise of the County employees within the Planning Department will be at the disposal of the Township," said Freeholder Lindenmuth. "The benefit to the County will be providing assistance to Elsinboro Township through certified-professional officials employed by the County of Salem. Another added benefit will be the building of an inter-agency relationship as an essential step toward the ultimate objective of creating new and improved shared services that benefit the residents of the County of Salem."

Through the agreement, the County's Planning Department will be providing services such as: Revision and updates to the Master Plan, developing and writing ordinances, review of NJ State requirements, reporting to the planning board and Township Committee on compliance issues, Housing and Fair Share Plan submission and compliance, submission to the Office of Smart Growth for Plan Endorsement approval, as well as, other planning and land use issues that would require professional input.

The costs of those services are not to exceed \$4,000. In the past, Elsinboro Township has spent \$95 per hour on planning services. Through the County, Elsinboro Township will be paying a maximum of \$65.50 per hour on planning services which will allow for increased services at a reduced fee.